

REMARKS

The Official Action of April 13, 2006, and the prior art cited and relied upon therein have been carefully studied. The claims in the application remain claims 16-17, 29-30 and 32-62, and these claims define patentable subject matter warranting their allowance. Favorable reconsideration and such allowance are respectfully urged.

Claim 31 has been canceled and new claims 42-62 added. Claims 16-17, 29-30 and 32-62 remain in the application for consideration.

The Examiner's objections have been noted and her acknowledgement that claims 16-17 are allowed and that claims 31, 32 and 34 contain allowable subject matter is appreciated. In order to bring the application to allowance with minimum additional effort, the claims have been amended to define those aspects that the Examiner has indicated are allowable.

Claim 29 has been amended to incorporate the features of claim 31, which has been canceled. New independent claim 42 is of the same scope of claim 34 and new independent claim 52 is of the same scope of claim 32. It is therefore believed that claims 29, 42 and 52 are allowable.

Although it is likewise believed that the remaining claims are all allowable as being dependent on allowable base

claims, we wish to respond to specific objections raised by the Examiner. Claim 30 has been amended to define a wallet having the electrode assembly according to claim 29 integrally embedded therein. Thus the claim is no longer a statement of intended use and clearly relates to the embodiment described with reference to Fig. 5. Similar amendments have been made to claim 41 and to the new claims dependent on claims 42 and 52.

Claim 33 was objected to as being a product-by-process claim. The Examiner appears to be of the view that as such it adds no structure that renders the claim structurally inventive. However, we assume that the claim will now be allowed as being dependent on an allowable base claim; and the same, of course, applies to claims 44 and 53.

If notwithstanding our earnest efforts to render claims 30, 33 and 41 and corresponding claims 43, 48, 52, 54, 58 and 62 allowable, the Examiner is still unwilling to allow these claims, Applicant authorizes her to delete them if by doing so she will be able to allow the application. If additional authorization is necessary to delete these claims, Applicant will appreciate calling the undersigned in order to expedite prosecution of the application.

The prior art documents made of record and not relied upon have been noted along with the implication that

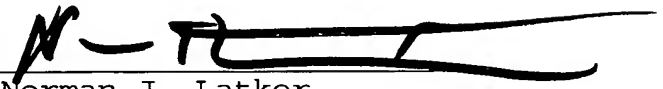
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such documents are deemed by the PTO to be insufficiently  
pertinent to warrant their applications against any of  
applicant's claims.

Favorable reconsideration and allowance are  
requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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